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MEMORANDUM

To: The Commission
From: Latrice Kirkland-Montaque, Chief Administrative Law Judge
Date: August 14, 2015
Subject: The Department of Transportation of the State of Illinois, for
and on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois,
Petitioner,

v.

Illinois Central Railroad Company,
Respondent.

Petition for an Order authorizing removal and replacement of
existing overpass structure (SN: 016 1075) carrying FAI
Route 55 northbound lanes over existing Illinois Central
Railroad Company tracks and Metra tracks from FAI Route
94 (Dan Ryan Expressway) to U.S. Route 41 (Lake Shore
Drive) in the City of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.

Recommendation: Enter Order

On April 6, 2015, IDOT filed a Petition with the Commission seeking an order authorizing removal of the existing overpass structure carrying FAI Route 55 northbound lanes over existing Illinois Central Railroad Company tracks and METRA tracks from FAI Route 94 (Dan Ryan Expressway) to U.S. Route 41 (Lake Shore Drive) and replacement of the overpass with a new and wider structure in the City of Chicago, Illinois.

This project includes the complete removal and replacement of the existing superstructure, to provide for a proposed superstructure that accommodates four (4), twelve (12) foot traffic lanes, ten (10) foot right shoulder, and ten (10) foot left shoulder. The existing substructure will also be removed and replaced.

Construction of the proposed overpass structure will provide for an increase in the vertical profile alignment to meet a minimum twenty-nine (29) foot vertical clearance measured from the top of the rail to the bottom of the proposed steel girder flange.

The existing roadway lighting will be removed and replaced and the highway drainage system will be replaced as well. A new Intelligent Transportation System (ITS)

will be installed, which includes new detector loops, new Dynamic Message Signs (DMS), and new pole-mounted Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras.

A Construction and Maintenance Agreement has been executed by the parties which states the work responsibilities and costs to be paid by each party. No Grade Crossing Protection Funds are requested. The Department let the project in July 2015, with a project completion date of December 31, 2017.

Staff and Illinois Central Railroad support the project. I recommend entry of the attached Order granting the Petition.